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All Set for Tonight



Among busiest fingers in Victoria florists' shops yesterday were Joan Tanner's. She was only one of many contriving orchids and gardenias for belles of a dozen New Year's Eve parties. She wears her samples well herself.

'Outside' Too Tough

No Place Like Pen Ex-Convict Finds

SYDNEY MINES, N.S. (CP)—A 36-year-old ex-convict embarked on a two-year jail stretch Thursday after profitless breaks into a brace of banks to point up his yen for the pen.

Don Roberts of Sydney Mines told Magistrate John F. MacDonald that eight fruitless months of hunting for work convinced him jail was the place to be. The quest began when he returned here after serving 43 months in prison at Montreal for armed robbery.

Roberts said he reached his doleful decision Wednesday.

BOTTLE BREAK-IN

First, he heaved a beer bottle through the window of a Bank of Nova Scotia branch and, in the dark, climbed through, cutting his hand in the process.

He wandered around aimlessly, then picking up a stool for future use, he climbed out through the broken window.

Roberts buried the Bank of Nova Scotia's stool through the window of a nearby branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Again he clambered through a broken window, this time cutting his other hand. Inside, he meandered about morosely, finally knocking the phone off its hook.

Roberts said he picked up the phone and began a conversation with the operator who had been trying to get him to hang up the receiver.

He explained about the dismal job prospects and suggested it was probably time she called the cops so he could get on with his plan.

She did.

Rainmaking Tales Held Exaggerated

TORONTO (CP)—Andrew Thomson, controller of the meteorological division of air services, department of transport, said Thursday reports that cloud seeding caused excessive rainfall in the southwestern corner of Manitoba are greatly exaggerated.

He was commenting on a statement released during the day by the American Institute of Aerological Research that farms in the Brandon area received 50 to 85 per cent more rain than their neighbors.

Clouds were seeded in the area for five cents an acre in 1953 and 1954 by the Waters Resources Development Corporation of Denver, Colorado.

The report said farms in the area received five to nine inches

Labor Leaders Mostly Favor Jobless Plan

Forthcoming federal legislation to boost supplementary unemployment insurance benefits won praise from several Victoria union leaders last night, but drew from one the comment that it leaves fishermen "in pretty tragic condition."

A Canadian Press dispatch quoted Ottawa informants as saying that emergency federal legislation to meet winter unemployment would consist mainly of a boost of about 25 per cent in the supplementary benefits.

The supplementary benefits, now paid during the first three months of the year to some classes of workers who cannot qualify for ordinary benefits during that period, average about 80 per cent of regular benefits.

Usual reason for workers not qualifying for ordinary benefits in the first three months of the year is that they have used up all the benefits to which they are normally entitled.

The government is understood to be proposing some changes in the current complicated regulations to make it easier to qualify for these benefits. The period for which they are paid also may be lengthened.

SOME LEFT OUT

It is understood, the Ottawa dispatch said, that the government does not contemplate extending coverage to groups not now insured. This would still leave out civil servants, farm help, hospital employees and some classes of loggers and fishermen.

These changes will be incorporated in a so-called "little bill," which the government hopes to see passed as soon as possible in the session opening January 7.

Later in the session, Ottawa informants said, the government will introduce a voluminous measure streamlining the Unemployment Insurance Act and discarding the system of insurance books and stamps now kept for \$2,000,000 workers.

The changes are "along the lines we have been requesting for many years," said Victor Midgley, vice-president of the Trade Union Congress of B.C.

LESSEN HARSHSHIP

"These measures will help to reduce a lot of hardship," he said. "They represent an improvement, although not a solution to unemployment."

The news is very encouraging."

Ed Haw, secretary of the Victoria Labor Council (CCL), called an increase in supplementary benefits a "long needed step in the right direction."

But he added, "As long as all workers are not covered, we are going to have people in need."

He felt that the change would benefit shipyard unions most in this area.

James McConachy, business manager of Local 191 of International Bollermakers (AFL-TLC) said "it will be a big help to us."

In the last two or three months, it hasn't been too good... We have had quite a few unemployed," he said.

Mr. Thomson said the area last year did receive approximately 65 per cent more rainfall than the 50-year average... but so did a great many areas in the Prairies, including those adjacent to the area in question.

The area did get about 10 per cent more rain than its neighbors. But a 10-per-cent increase is very inconclusive."

U.S. Combat Power Not Hit by Cuts

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. defense department reported Thursday that in the two years ended last June 30 it cut military manpower without weakening combat power.

The report was made to a House of Representatives civil service sub-committee headed by Representative R. J. Corbett

(Rep., Pa.) which has been studying the military use of manpower.

Corbett said in an accompanying statement that the military, for the two years ending next June 30, had found 212,800 uniformed and civilian positions "unnecessary to the accomplishment of their primary defense objectives," with a resulting saving of some \$300,000,000 a year.

The figures used by Corbett were not in the defense department's report as published by the sub-committee. The survey did not deal with the Pentagon's announced future manpower cuts or its proposed new draft reserve program.

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP)—A meeting of wives of Ford of Canada Windsor workers, aimed at getting "constructive ideas" to settle the deadlocked Ford strike, broke up Thursday amid jeers, cat-calls and pro-union songs.

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Another Triumph



PREMIER PIERRE MENDES-FRANCE

Arms Plan Approved By France

*Historic Decision
Made by 27 Votes*

PARIS (Reuters)—France Thursday made a historic decision to rearm West Germany within the framework of the Western defense system.

The decision combines with approved votes already given to complete the National Assembly's approval of the Paris agreements. Along with it goes approval of the pact between France and West Germany to "Europeanize" the rich industrial Saar pocket since.

NO DELAYING TACTICS

The Speaker announced there would be no further talk or delaying tactics such as enabled anti-rearmament groups to stymie the vote for 24 hours Wednesday on a procedural point.

When the voting was completed, newspaper men, diplomats and spectators paced the halls for 45 minutes while the ballots—white slips of paper for, and blue ones against—were counted.

Then the assembly's one-armed chairman, Andre Le Troquer, announced the decision to the legislators ringed in a hushed semi-circle around the ornate assembly hall.

As the deputies rose to leave, the shrill voice of a woman Communist legislator rang out: "You'll pay dearly for this."

Other Communist members shouted "treason," "assassin," "German rearmament" and "Nazis" as ushers formed a wall between them and the other assembly members.

BIGGEST VICTORY

For energetic Premier Pierre Mendes-France, who pushed the decision through as he had promised before the first of the year, it was his biggest victory ending his biggest battle since he took office six months ago. Defeat would have meant his downfall since he had made the vote a matter of confidence.

Mendes-France relaxed when the count was announced, but there were dark circles under his eyes marking the strain of the 11 days of debate that preceded the decision it had taken France four years to make—the decision to put guns again into the hands of the nation whose invading troops three times in the last 80 years violated the French frontier.

During the 11 days, deputies of all non-Communist parties went through agonizing personal crises trying to determine which way their patriotic duty lay.

Mothers Praying For Missing Sons

VANCOUVER (CP)—Three grief-stricken mothers hoped and prayed in their homes here Thursday that what is feared to be a four-fold tragedy will turn out to be a teen-age adventure.

A pet dog of one of the boys was found dead on the beach near the boat. A rubber boot, running shoes and other equipment carried by the boys was also washed ashore.

Missing are:

Don, 17, and Ian McLeod, 16; Wally Wittwer, 17, and Joe Toth, 17, all of Vancouver.

They started on the camping and fishing trip Sunday. All had made the trip many times before and are familiar with the terrain.

Hopes faded fast that they

would be found alive.

LONDON (UPI)—Moscow radio said Thursday night that French approval of German rearmament aggravates "the danger of a new war."

A 'Little Squeeze' Brings Divorce

COPENHAGEN (Reuters)—A Copenhagen man has been granted a divorce because his wife always squeezed the toothpaste tube in the middle after he had carefully rolled it up at the end. The judge held that the wife's "offense" would not have been a ground for divorce, except that the husband had shown himself unusually sensitive about it.

Just a month later, the assembly

gave him one of the greatest majorities ever recorded—471 to 14—in approving the Indo-China armistice worked out at Geneva.

He barely waited to hear the result before taking off for another trouble spot, Tunisia. There he called Nationalist leaders into conference, and won agreement on principles of home rule for the protectorate.

Then he turned to the ill-fated European Defense Community. He tried in vain to have the setup changed so he could sell it to the assembly.

Refusing to stake his government on the vote, he stood by as the assembly killed it, 319 to 264.

Although he was gaining political enemies by now, he lined up with the United States and Britain to work out plans for the Western European Union. That made the powerful Communist bloc in the assembly turn solidly and finally against him.

Even if he had failed to win Thursday's final National Assembly vote on German rearmament, this swarthy little man would have been hailed throughout France as the "man of the year."

Despite his popularity at home and abroad, Mendes-France is still precariously perched on the French political teeter-totter. In Thursday's victory, he won only breathing space for new epic struggles with the political foes who have dogged his path for the last seven months.

Observers in Paris believe he will be able to hold his government together at least until the end of January.

But he has fooled the experts before.

Controversial, forceful—often blunt to the point of rudeness—Mendes-France has earned himself almost as many bitter enemies as fervent admirers.

His appearances in the French provinces have brought waves of public enthusiasm which veteran French observers have rarely encountered.

Some of the premier's opponents are jealous of his success, and they show spite and envy.

He shuns public functions and Paris society life wherever possible. He has no gift for small-talk; he believes a man should speak only when there is something important to say.

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War Danger Seen in Move

NEW YORK (UP)—The

Duchess of Windsor, deposed as queen of the fashion world last year, hit the comeback trail yesterday. She tied for second place in the 1955 list of the world's best-dressed women.

Mrs. William S. Paley, wife of the chairman of the board of the Columbia Broadcasting System, topped the list for the second consecutive year.

It was Mrs. Paley, one of Boston's famous Cushing sisters, who ended the Baltimore-born duchess' 15-year reign last year.

The duchess toppled from first to 10th place on the 1954 list, but yesterday she tied for second with Mrs. Byron Foy, wife of a Chrysler Motors executive.

Princess Margaret of Britain was third.

The annual list of best-dressed women is issued by the New York Dress Institute's couture group, an organization of high-priced designers and dressmakers who outfit some of the women named. Ballots were sent to 1,500 fashion designers,

ambassador to Italy, seventh; Mme. Arturo Lopez-Willshaw, Paris socialite, eighth; Mrs. William Randolph Hearst, Jr., wife of the newspaper publisher, and Mrs. Harold E. Talbot, wife of the air force secretary, tied for ninth, and set-

ress Grace Kelly, and Queen Frederica of Greece tied for tenth.

Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower, who was on the list two years ago, when her husband entered the White House, was an also-ran this year.

Duchess Hits Comeback Trail



MRS. WILLIAM S. PALEY DUCHESS OF WINDSOR PRINCESS MARGARET CLARE BOOTH LUCE



ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

THE magazine Sports Illustrated this week publishes a gallery of sports headliners of 1954. With the possible exception of the North American marbles and the holder of the Argentine musical chairs title, everyone you can think of is in there.

Everyone except Marilyn Bell, that is. Canada's Woman Athlete of the year is conspicuous by her absence.

Sports Illustrated, in case anyone doesn't know, is the new spoilt child in the Time-Life family of magazines.

Its gallery of headliners includes experts in such fields as fencing, fly casting, archery, skeet shooting, horseshoe pitching, pocket billiards, chess, table tennis, sports car racing, figure skating and bob-sled running.

The gallery does not include the teen-aged girl who swam Lake Ontario for the first time in history.

Even Canadians who were mildly annoyed by the outburst of hysteria that followed Marilyn'sfeat will find this omission puzzling.

Among the sports headliners in Sports Illustrated are a horse trainer, two football coaches, two horses and two dogs. The dogs are Champion Bang Away, first to win 100 best-in-shows; and Champion Rise and Shine, best-in-show at Westminster.

Horse trainers, football coaches, horses and dogs are lovable and sometimes clever creatures. But why should they be in if Marilyn is out? What have they got that Marilyn hasn't?

In the case of the horses and dogs, four legs. In the case of the trainer and the coach, ulcers (maybe). But that doesn't make them superior.

With a polite bark toward the two dogs, I suggest that their achievement scarcely ranks as sport. All the dogs did was to appear in a show, deport themselves properly, and look handsome. They refrained from biting the judges, which may be regarded as a feat of self-control.

However, much as I admire dogs, I can't see these two show champions as leaders in the world of sport. If they are, the gallery might also have included the champion white rat, guinea pig and rabbit of the year.

It might also have included Miss Universe.

Maurice (Rocket) Richard, Doug Hepburn and curler J. Ken Watson represent Canada in the list. But the omission of Marilyn Bell looks like a studied insult.

I know what the reply to this criticism will be. "All those on our list are champions of competitive sport," the editors of Sports Illustrated will say. "Marilyn Bell was not in any competition."

In fact, however, Marilyn Bell was in competition—against a lake. She had a tough opponent, and for the first time in sports history, she won.

Various inanimate objects, such as a car, a racing motorboat, a sailing yacht and a bobsled, appear in the gallery of headliners along with the humans who operate them. Had Marilyn failed, it might have been in order for Sports Illustrated to run a picture of Lake Ontario as "The winnaw and still champion."

MRA Claimed Solution To German Admittance

WASHINGTON (AP)—Mrs. Irene Laure, a former Socialist in the French parliament, said

Tourist Tito Sees Taj Mahal

AGRA, India (Reuters)—President Tito of Yugoslavia arrived here Wednesday by special train, visited and photographed the huge Taj Mahal temple, and then drove 27 miles to visit the 16th century capital of the Mogul emperor Akbar the Great. While there he saw five swimmers dive from the 80-foot high city ramparts into a deep moat.

The word hurricane developed from its principle the acceptance by individuals of absolute virtues as guides for their conduct in life.

Gloria Vanderbilt, Stokowski Split

'Poor Little Rich Girl' Leaves Symphony Conductor Husband

NEW YORK (AP)—After nine years, the end has come in the story-book marriage of the rich princess, Gloria Vanderbilt, and her aging prince charming, symphony conductor Leopold Stokowski.

Monday, only two days after Christmas, the 30-year-old Gloria took their two small sons and moved from the 18-room apartment she had shared with her husband, now 67.

Their marriage, which created a sensation in blase New York, apparently was broken up by the loneliness of divergent careers.

Stokowski's international fame took him away on many tours. Gloria wanted to stay here and make a proper home for her two boys, Stan, 4, and Chris, 3.

Lately, while remaining in and near New York, her interest has turned to the theatre. Shortly she is to play a minor role in a show starring Francoise Tarte.

Neither Gloria nor Stokowski made public any reason for the separation. But Gloria is a reporter for the New York Post:

"For personal reasons, I have decided to live at the Ambassador Hotel with my children."

"When I can amplify the situation I will."

"But I don't think I can say anything more than that my husband and I have separated."

Life has been grim at times for the beautiful Gloria, one of the heirs to the Vanderbilt railroad fortune. She was once known as the "Poor Little Rich Girl."

Her father, Reginald Vanderbilt, died a year after her birth. Then at 11, she was the pawn in a custody battle between her mother and her aunt, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney.

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Labor Leaders Call For Creation Of More Jobs

OTTAWA (CP)—Leaders of Canada's two largest labor bodies Thursday urged measures to create more jobs in their annual year-end.

The messages came from Claude Jodoin, president of the 580,000-member Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and A. R. Mosher, president of the 375,000-member Canadian Congress of Labor.

"In domestic affairs," Mr. Mosher said, "one of the most disturbing factors as we enter the new year is the army of unemployed workers... The situation is again becoming extremely serious, and there is little if any prospect of adequate action by the various levels of government to bring about an improvement."

"The need for a clearly defined and planned program of economic activity, under which the skill and energies of the workers would be utilized to produce the goods and services necessary to provide a high standard of living, seems to be recognized by almost everyone except those who have the authority and ability to put such a program into effect."

Public works were needed, and governments should give leadership to industry, he said.

NO EXCUSE

"There can be no excuse in Canada," Mr. Mosher said. "For unemployment of serious proportions, and while there are a number of factors responsible for unemployment in any particular industry, it should be evident that part of the blame must be laid upon our haphazard methods of production."

Mr. Mosher added that if Canada's resources and productive capacity were efficiently used, she could give considerable work to those who are capable of working.



A. R. MOSHER
"Situation serious."



CLAUDE JODOIN
"Thousands suffering."



NEWS REVIEW

By Ron Ellis

From CP, AP, Reuters, BUP

Negotiators attempting to settle the Ontario strike of Ford Company workers have recessed their talks until Monday. The week-end break-up was believed to indicate that enough ground has been covered to give union representatives something concrete to take back to home base for discussion.

The London Evening Standard thinks links between the Commonwealth and Britain may be weakened unless the government gives more active encouragement to emigration. The paper says "among all the countries of the world none offers greater opportunities than Canada."

An Egyptian mother of three Thursday night denied Cairo newspaper reports that her police captain husband is planning to marry Vancouver-born movie star Yvonne de Carlo. "It's not true that my husband divorced me and that he's going to marry Yvonne. I am still getting love letters from him," said Mrs. V. Alah Sayed Ahmed. The newspaper Al Akhbar said Ahmed was divorced and fell in love with Yvonne who was in Egypt last month making a film.

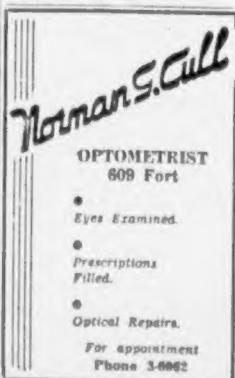
Another London dispatch says the government, hoping to avert a general rail strike, has opened a court of inquiry into railmen's grievances. The railmen have threatened to strike January 9 unless they get more pay.

Ottawa reports the British West Indies likely will remove restrictions on imports of lumber from Canada and the United States next month. It is understood negotiations to remove the curbs are nearing completion in London.

Diamonds valued at nearly £50,000 were lost in the crash of the British Overseas Stratocruiser at Prestwick on Christmas Day. The diamonds, apparently were in registered mail. A post office official says, however, no claims have been made as yet.

Kathy Archibald, Kelowna's Lady of the Lake, who went on to win the "Miss Canada" title, has decided to give up her career as a veterinarian. Kathy's mother says her daughter's eventual goal is journalism but she may tour Europe to broaden her knowledge first.

Inhabitants of the lonely



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MAYBE—among the current crop of new 1955 models—there's another car with an advance that can hold a candle to this one. But we doubt it. We doubt it because nowhere—among the features of other cars that we've heard about, or seen—is there anything to compare with what's actually happened to Buick.

It all started with the fact that modern air liners get two big advantages because they can change the pitch of their propellers.

First, they get off the ground hundreds of feet sooner than they used to.

Second, they can stretch their gasoline by setting propeller blades at just the right "pitch" for cruising.

So Buick engineers asked themselves—"If you can do it with air, why can't you do it with oil—the oil inside a Dynaflow Drive?"

And to make a long story short—they could, and they did.

They engineered the propeller-like blades inside the "stator" of a Dynaflow Drive so they can change their pitch as much as 75 degrees.

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U.K. Move Helps Canadian Export

OTTAWA (CP)—Britain hasing the products affected in decided to boost the number of British ships would soon forget items which she allows in them and start buying a d-

ported from Canada and the ferent variety. Exporters ap-

United States under the token pealed for small import quotas

import scheme effective now in order to help

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tion of their products before the British buyer.

Britain agreed. On a number

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which may be helpful in increasing

amount shipped to her in the

overseas market.

The token import scheme was developed in 1946 when

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controls on a number of dollar-

area goods because of a dollar

shortage.

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Europe Marching in Step

LOOKING ahead, the action of France yesterday in assenting to full participation by Germany in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and of herself in the Western European Union could prove to be the real turning point in the economic revival of Europe and the composition of its age-old animosities. A Germany that will lay aside aggression, a France that will no longer fear her more populous neighbor, and the concurrence of both in sharing the natural resources of both lands are tremendous steps forward toward the genuine peace of the world. For yesterday's result in the French Chamber not only Premier Mendes-France but also the balanced and moderate majority in that Assembly have won the praise of the free world.

The roots of most political actions are grounded in human feelings. It cannot have been an easy decision for France to have made, one which will see arms go again into the hands of an erstwhile aggressor across a border that remains unchanged. Yet by every sign that one may point to and by every known test of human reactions this was a far-sighted move for France herself and first of all. Its importance to West Germany was as crucial: without the full accord of western nations Germany could not have found her way alone into the comity of co-operating nations. It is this accord, this

mutual acceptance of the responsibilities along with the benefits, which gives every hope for a solid recovery of Western Europe to a stable and bright future. Europe again is marching in step, something it has not done for more than a century.

World reaction to the endorsement by France of the basic principle of the several treaties, which will go forward now to the Parliaments of the other signatories, was immediate. From London, Washington, Ottawa and all around the western hemisphere messages of congratulation poured in on Premier Mendes-France. From West Germany issued perhaps the most sincere reaction of all—a humble acknowledgment of this gift of trust, with all that it means for the future welfare of Western Europe.

Although Canada is not involved in the WEU pacts, as a member of NATO it is directly concerned. Hon. Lester B. Pearson said the obvious thing for this country when he welcomed the decision of the French Assembly warmly, and went on to say: "We must now prove that the rearmament of Germany . . . within the context of NATO and Western European Union . . . will help to associate Germany with the free western world in such a way that peace and security will be strengthened." There is the crux of the matter: the removal of some of the age-old causes of war.

'Out of Control'

A STATISTICAL report on the causes of motor vehicle accidents to hand from an Ontario authority lists the largest number of serious crashes on the open highways under "car went out of control." This is an inaccurate description since it somehow implies, no doubt unintentionally, that the drivers whose cars "went" out of control were the victims of bad luck. Except in rare instances of a wheel coming off or something like that, cars do not go out of control. What happens 99 times out of a 100 is that the driver loses control through his own fault, and almost invariably through excessive speed.

A motorist drives too fast for the prevailing conditions of road or weather. Suddenly a situation—unpredicted curve, bump, pothole or the appearance of another vehicle—confronts him and he finds to his horror that he cannot cope with it. In a split second he has lost control and the car overturns into a ditch or slams into something that reduces it to wreckage, often with fatal results to himself or other people. The Americans have coined a phrase to describe crashes of that sort: the driver ran out of road.

To list such accidents under "car went out of control" is not an excuse but an indictment.

It is significant also that the Ontario report shows that the majority of drivers so involved are young people in their twenties. They are the most dangerous drivers, to others as well as to themselves, because they are so sure of themselves and of their superior skill that they look with disdain on the old fuddy-duddies who approach a blind curve sensibly and are content to poke along at the 50 miles an hour allowed by the highway code. When to the over-confidence of youth is added the exhilaration of liquor the resultant mixture creates peril every moment the driver is behind the wheel.

Seasonal warnings about drink and driving have been repeated often enough in recent weeks to have served their purpose. However, at a time of year when traffic is heavy and road conditions may be poor, all who are tempted to drive fast—including those who do not drink at all—need to keep in mind the safety rule about always driving in such a manner that the car can be kept under control should an emergency arise.

Population Trends

ONE may note interesting population facets from the statistics included in the year-end report of the trade and industry department. The provincial count of human heads now shows British Columbia to have within its borders 1,266,000 persons, a gain of slightly more than 100,000 in the last three years. Curiously this almost parallels the rate of population growth between the census periods of 1941 and 1951, so that while industrial enterprise has boomed in recent years the province is doing no more than holding its own in the matter of population gain. The growth since 1941, however, has been much more rapid than in preceding decades.

It is not surprising that this province has a larger percentage of individuals over 65 years of age than the national average, 13 per cent to 8.5, this being a haven for retired people to spend their remaining years, but it must be remem-

bered that they are no deterrent to provincial prosperity for many derive incomes from outside B.C. and thus contribute substantially to the provincial economy. This age group is also well offset by the 27 per cent listed in the under 15 group. In addition the province has a larger proportion of persons between the ages of 25 and 44 than does the Dominion as a whole, so that at present and in the near future the working force compares favorably with other provinces.

Over all, however, the percentage of young people—those under 24 years of age—is less for B.C. than for Canada, 40 to 45 per cent as estimated by the latest gathering of figures. This disparity seems likely to be righted at a not far distant date as the province continues the development now moving at a swift pace. Even as they stand, however, the latest figures point sharply to the increasing importance of B.C. in the national scene.

Interpreting the News

Reds Busy Everywhere

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
Associated Press Foreign News Analyst

THERE was danger in Indo-China last spring that an eight-year-old little war would burgeon into a big one. Without the consent of the Soviet Union it could not have been stopped. It was stopped.

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But the Communists at Geneva drove a hard bargain, swallowing half of Viet Nam and 12,000,000 people as their price for ending the fighting. In the non-Communist half, chaos in the wake of French colonialism left the country in such confusion that there was grave danger of the whole nation passing into Red hands in another year.

To the south in Indonesia, the Communists adopted a program of patient waiting, insinuating themselves into positions of influence with the present Nationalist party government, attempting to orient the country toward the Red bloc.

Thailand worried about the long-range effects of Red rule in neighboring North Viet Nam, about the 50,000 Vietnamese refugees within Thai borders who would not go home and about subversion from all sides.

The Thesis joined Pakistan, the Philippines

and Malaya, mostly in name. Japan and Formosa had to be excluded. India, Indonesia and Burma shunned the alliance lest its ties bring war to the Asian continent.

In Europe the problem of Trieste was solved by turning one zone over to President Tito's Yugoslavia and the other to the Italians. But Tito was causing concern. First, Moscow, no longer his sworn enemy, wooed him passionately. Second, he journeyed to India and Burma in what looked like a bid to become European spokesman for world neutrals.

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The West suffered a sharp setback in Europe with the defeat of the European Defense Community. The substitute plan of a Western European Union ran into some rough sailing in Germany and France as Soviet propaganda threatened Eastern mobilization to counter Western unity.

The Communist world was defeated in Iran by the success of joint British and American efforts to solve the violent oil nationalization issue.

But the Soviet Union was not idle in any of these places. Its diplomatic and subversive offensive was on a global scale.



"Thanks to your master escape plan, we missed a jolly good concert in the warm."

—London Daily Express

Thinking Aloud

"... of shoes—and ships—and sealing wax—of cabbages and kings."

By TOM TAYLOR

In passing I remarked yesterday how mysterious was the surge of gladness when the time comes to ring out the Old Year and bring in the New. What is there to be glad about?

One more is also less, you know, and December 31 rolls around with a alarming frequency.

Hope is at the root of our New Year celebration; hope and discontent. Few of us can be entirely happy else we would not wish our lives away as we do. Happy I mean in the sense of savoring, prolonging every given moment of time. This is probably too much to expect in an age where helter-skelter is the motif, yet each sunrise is the herald of another gift.

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We get one every day and what do we make of it? Not enough to make us regret rather than rejoice when New Year's Day arrives.

There must be discontent therefore with the year we are almost ready to kick out. A divine discontent perhaps since we are as we are and each year finds us in the same inhospitable mood.

Strange that we so mismanage our daily heritage. One can look back over the year to note how much time was plainly wasted, how many opportunities were left ungrasped, how foolish has been our speech and behaviour on many an occasion.

Perhaps it is we are so ashamed we want the memory of the old year cast, like the calendar, into the limbo.

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But more likely it is the hope each New Year brings which occupies our thoughts to the exclusion of all others. Hope: the eternal star of expectation. Listen to the poet as he unwraps its cover:

A flower unborn: a book unread; A tree with fruit, unharvested; A path untrod; a house whose rooms Lack yet the heart's divine perfumes; A landscape whose wide borders lies In silent shade beneath silent skies; A wondrous fountain yet unsealed; A casket with its gifts unsealed— This is the year that for you waits Beyond tomorrow's mystic gates.

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That quiets the heart, does it not?

Even though the snowstorm of little white vials we shall invoke is, in the main, a vain thing. Some people are born to luck, it has been said, but most of us must make our own good fortune; although I fear we sit too much on our haunches instead of helping it to arrive.

It is a human trait however to look to the future with bright hopeful eyes, and not one without its saving grace. Some at least of the spirit of the festive season is apt to linger on, lighting a torch in the human heart.

I went to the Throne, with trembling heart;
The year was done.
"Have you a New Year for me, dear Master?"

I have spoiled this one!"
He took my year, all soiled and blotted;
And gave me a new one all unspotted,

Then into my tired heart He smiled:
"Do better now, my child!"

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I quoted that lovely verse a year or two ago, but like New Year's turn has come again. So has mine, to wish my readers well, albeit I am a day ahead of the calendar. Not that I am unduly impatient for the end of 1954, simply that I shall not gaze down on you from above tomorrow morning. In slight advance therefore may I say, heartily: A Happy New Year to you all.

International Commentary . . .

Experiment in Co-Operation

By W. N. EWER, from London

THE third annual report on the working of the "Colombo Plan" has just been issued. Its official title is "The Third Annual Report of the Consultative Committee on Economic Development in South and Southeast Asia."

It may be as well to recall what this organization is; why it is, even officially, called for short the "Colombo Plan."

The "Colombo Plan," the purpose of which is international co-operation in the economic development of the free Asian countries, is an outcome of the new structure of the British Commonwealth which came into being when the three Asian states of India, Pakistan and Ceylon—formerly parts of the British Empire in India and of the British Colonial Empire—had become free and independent partners in the Commonwealth.

The first Commonwealth Conference to be held in Asia met in Colombo in the early days of 1950. And it was at once agreed that one of the most important problems for the Commonwealth governments was a co-operative effort to aid its Asian members both in their economic recovery from the strains and stresses of the war period and in their longer term economic development.

That was an idea which had already fired the imagination of the then British foreign secretary, Ernest Bevin. Over and over again I had heard him talk of the world importance of what he called the "great art" of countries—many of them in the Commonwealth—which range around the waters of the Indian Ocean. Britain would do all it could to help them. But Britain alone, with her economy strained to near breaking point by the great effort of the war, could do little single-handed. There must be a co-operative effort.

The response was immediate. Bevin, I still think, gave the initial impulse

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That is in itself something of very great importance. The Colombo organization (starting with the Commonwealth countries) has become the one system in which all the countries of South and Southeast Asia without exception work together in close co-operation. It may have in it the germ of something even more significant.

What of the actual achievement since work really began in 1951? The report of the Consultative Committee, which met this year in Ottawa, is a very detailed one. There have been disappointments, failures to reach perhaps too optimistic targets. But "it is in the main the record of

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Common Courtesy

(From The Calgary Albertan)

RADIO stations, in their mad rush to make brevity their soul of commerce, have unfortunately fallen into a sloppy habit of slurring names and omitting prefixes of prominent people, thus demonstrating a lack of common courtesy.

Every hour, and for several minutes in between the hour, we are assailed with such jarring phrases as "Mendes-France", "Churchill", "Eisenhower", and even St. Laurent". These men should be addressed as "The Hon.", "The President", or "The Prime Minister".

But, we repeat, radio stations get nearly all their news from the various wire services, which, of necessity, "trim" all material.

That is done, however, merely to "put the story" before the proper authorities, who, in turn, should make whatever changes are necessary.

The radio people should never lose sight of the fact that they are dealing with the public—and the public demands the proper respect for world leaders.

Radio is still in its infancy of thought in some respects and could absorb some interesting lessons.

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Who remembers when you could finance a pretty good Christmas for what it costs just to wrap, light and decorate one now?

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Florida citizens were shocked by a billboard showing Santa Claus drinking a bottle of beer. However, it would have made a wonderful excuse for me to tell the children that Santa didn't show up on account of a drunkometer test.

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A California official blames juvenile delinquency on homes with "too many late-model cars," but fails to specify how many would be a safe number to have.

The Packsack

OF GREGORY CLARK

IF an intruder enters your home, don't waste time facing him. As he comes in one door, you go out another. And skip into the house next door and dial police.

Two women were watching television after dinner when there came a ring at the front door. One of the ladies answered, and a tough stranger simply pushed in and shut the door. It transpired later, from footprints in the snow, that the intruder had come around the side of the house and looked in the window long enough to figure the risk that nobody but the two women was home.

He picked a candlestick off the mantel, and with this for a weapon, he threatened the women into going ahead of him from room to room as he ransacked the house for articles of value he could put in his pockets, and for the money he got from purses. He then locked the two in an upstairs room and made his escape at leisure.

"What you should have done," the police explained to the ladies, "is minute that stranger pushed through the door, you should have darted for the back door or side door, the location of which you knew and he didn't."

"If he chased me . . ." enquired the one who answered the door.

"Then the other should have darted out the front door," said the police. "I know most ladies are paralyzed when things like this suddenly occur. But there are two good rules to remember about crooks. They are terrified of noise. And they are terrified of sudden action. If you had suddenly run, he would have supposed you were running for the man of the house, who might have been in the kitchen. If you had screamed, he would have gone out that door like a bat, because he would suppose the man of the house, weighing three hundred pounds and carrying a shotgun, would come bounding down the stairs."

"Crooks," said the police, "are more scared of screams and women running in all directions than they are of us cops."

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New Year's Present Includes Kim Novak

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Hollywood's New Year's present to the year will be blonde Kim Novak, Columbia Studio's big hope.

Movie-goers also will see more "pre-sold" pictures—successful novels and plays. With TV keeping potential customers at home, pre-sold film offers a safer bet for Hollywood.

Lined up for movie release in 1955 are such novels and plays as "Tea and Sympathy," "Marianne," "Not As a Stranger," "The Rose Tattoo," "Giant," "Mister Roberts," "Oklahoma," "The Seven Year Itch," "East of Eden," "The Long Grey Line," "Picnic," "Pal Joey," "Guys and Dolls," "The Solid Gold Cadillac," "The Vagabond King," "The Bridges of Tokio-Ri" and "Moby Dick."

ANTIQUE PLOTS

During 1954 the 10 major releasing companies turned out 233 films, compared to 300 in 1953. The emphasis was more stars, longer pictures, wider screens and better stories, although in many cases plots were as antique as ever.

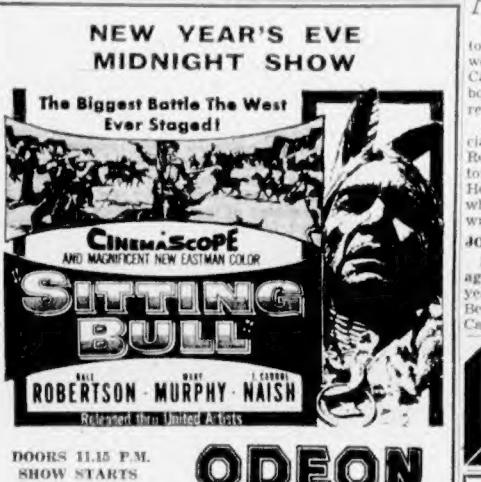
But exhibitors complained they didn't have enough pictures to fill their theatres. Some threatened to produce their own product. Thus in 1955 lower budget quickies will be turned out by independent producers to fill the gap.

A gradual relaxing of censorship, pleaded for by moviemakers to compete with more adult foreign films, also has been noted, but not officially admitted. Observers predict pictures will be even more adult this year. Most of Hollywood's 1955 films will be in super-wide screen systems and in color. A few producers will stick to black-and-white screens.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—The Harvard College observatory is building a new radio telescope which will be the largest in the United States. The present incumbent Alphonso device collects radiations from Parlane, agreed to take a look at the sun and stars and makes it chance after their race in the possible to secure data beyond city's second legislative district the range of optical observation ended in a tie vote. Sigman won it will augment a device of similar design built here in 1952.

Flip of Coin Decides Seat

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Abraham Sigman became the official winner of a seat in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives through the flip of a coin Wednesday. Republican scope which will be the largest in the United States. The present incumbent Alphonso device collects radiations from Parlane, agreed to take a look at the sun and stars and makes it chance after their race in the possible to secure data beyond city's second legislative district the range of optical observation ended in a tie vote. Sigman won it will augment a device of similar design built here in 1952.



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No Business Like This



A scene from the outstanding new Irving Berlin musical "There's No Business Like Show Business," in Cinemascope and color by De Luxe, now at the Royal Theatre. Stars of this heartwarming story are Ethel Merman, Donald O'Connor, Marilyn Monroe, Dan Dailey, Johnnie Ray and Mitzi Gaynor.

City Crest Not Lost—Just Never There

OTTAWA (CP)—The city the commission's district ad complained two months ago to minister in London, showed the Battlefields Memorial Com not only no deterioration but mission that weather had worn no crest on the Vimy memorial, its coat of arms off the Canadian war memorial at Vimy. Col. Lucien Lalonde, acting

deputy minister of veterans' Affairs, said Wednesday an over-dram government monument in

seas checks shows it was never France carries the coat of arms in the first place.

"We'd like to know where it is," he said. "We can't find it in November, basing it on a report from an Ottawa citizen."

A check by Alan Chambers, who had visited the memorial,

Knows Inside Story

Military Historian Had Access to Secret Files

Reginald H. Roy, MA, Vice-Principal of Ottawa College lecturer for a 10-week evening division course on Canadian history, is not just a B.C. in 1951. Mr. Roy had the book soldier although he has change to see some of the most top secret documents to come out of the Second World War.

A staff member of the provincial archives in Victoria, Mr. Roy was formerly with the historical section, Canadian Army Headquarters in Ottawa. That's where he read the books—and wrote them, too.

JOINED AT 18

But he joined the army at the age of 16 in 1939 and served six years through Italy, France, Belgium and Holland with the Cape Breton Highlanders.

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Rebuilt Plymouth Proves: Out of Evil Comes Good

PLYMOUTH, Eng. (NANA)—In nine years since the end of the Second World War, Plymouth has risen out of the dust and ruin caused by Hitler's bombers to become one of the finest rebuilt provincial cities in Europe.

But Plymouth is growing up again—a bright new city of modern buildings and wide streets lined with flowers and shrubs replacing the huddle of twisting narrow streets of the old city.

Month by month the pattern of the new city takes clearer form; Plymouth is an example of the old saying that out of evil comes some good.

In 1946 war-blitzed Plymouth began to grow again out of its ruins. The first buildings rose, the first wide roads were laid, and the lawns alongside them. Sometimes the building slowed, but it never stopped. Today it is progressing at a faster pace than ever.

First the houses were built, then the office buildings. But of course a city must have its civic centre, and that the thing Plymouth is most concerned about today.

Concerned, because it is not quite sure whether it is going to like the 14-story, glass-sided pocket edition of the United Nations Building in New York place it.

In Plymouth, the city that saw Drake go to sea to fight the Spanish Armada.

The civil building will be in the centre of Plymouth, a shining landmark from every corner.

No other building in the city is more than five floors in height.

From the centre, the business of this city of 219,000 people will be administered. It will be a very fine building, housing 10 of the city's administrative departments—a monster glass sandwich glaring over nine acres of lesser buildings, law courts and a square of trees and ornamental sculpture.

It will replace a late 19th century Gothic-style temple which was the administrative hub of the city before the Luftwaffe smashed it into rubble.

But there are plenty here in Plymouth—the older people—who remember the old city and think that nothing, no matter how magnificent, can ever replace it.

During December, \$2,313,645 was paid in family allowances and old age pension payments of \$27,075,425.

Mr. Bone said \$41,876,236 was paid to old age pensioners and \$27,075,425 in family allowances.

He said 6,025 families receiving the allowances moved to B.C. from other provinces while 5,032 families left B.C. Pensioners moving into B.C. totalled 1,345, while 1,109 moved out.

The total of family allowances and old age pension cheques was more than \$4,000,000 over the 1953 total of \$64,807,425.

Regular monthly meeting of the Greater Victoria Sunday School Teachers' Association will be held in the Cathedral Memorial Hall, Vancouver Street, Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Munn will be given after the supper meeting. All Anglican Sunday School teachers are invited to attend the meeting.

A New Year's Eve Watch-Night service is scheduled for St. John's Anglican Church today at 11:15 p.m.

Rt. Rev. J. Lewis McLean, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will leave for Formosa Monday.

He will be heard in St. Andrew's Sunday morning when his topic will be "What to Expect in 1955." In the evening he will preach in West Vancouver Presbyterian Church.

He will then leave by plane to visit the Presbyterian Church in Formosa.

First—Rev. Major A. J. Watson will preach on "The Children of Dust" at the morning service. "A New Year Prayer" will be the evening topic of Rev. W. Buckminster.

St. Paul's, Sidney—Services, 10 a.m. Holy communion, 11 a.m. Evensong, 7:30 p.m. Rev. D. C. O'Connor.

St. Peter's, Lake Bay—Services, 10 a.m. Holy communion, 11 a.m. Evensong, 7:30 p.m. Rev. Canon R. J. O'Connell.

St. Mark's, Saanich—Services, 10 a.m. Holy communion, 11 a.m. Evensong, 7:30 p.m. Rev. Canon R. Willis.

St. Paul's, Esquimalt—Services, 10 a.m. Holy communion, 11 a.m. Evensong, 7:30 p.m. Rev. Canon R. C. O'Connell.

St. David's-by-the-Sea, Cordova Bay—Services, 10 a.m. Holy communion, 11 a.m. Evensong, 7:30 p.m. Rev. D. C. O'Connell.

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St. Michael's, Royal Oak—Services, 10 a.m. Holy communion, 11 a.m. Evensong, 7:30 p.m. Rev. Canon R. J. O'Connell.

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SPORTS REVUE

By Jimmy Cannon

There was an impulse to tell Sandy Koufax to describe it exactly as it is. But, because Sandy is 18, there is a tendency to talk about it with an elaborate reserve. That makes it innocent and touching, but I wished he had let himself go and not allow humility to interfere with the truth.

It happens to few and it never occurs again. So the tendency was to advise Sandy Koufax that a sportswriter would understand if he made it big, because it is. There are so many years for a guy to be sedate and rational. But Sandy, who lives in Bay Ridge, was courteous and aloof and hid his enthusiasm.

This is a sort of Christmas story because Sandy Koufax, a Brooklyn kid, has been paid \$20,000 to play baseball for the Dodgers.

I wanted to say it's all right, kid, do a little hollering about it. You're entitled to swagger and drop a couple of silly opinions and give yourself the best of it. You have that privilege when you're 18 because they'll take it away from you before you know it.

Chances are in a couple of months you'll be pitching left-handed to Willie Mays and Stan Musial and there will be no sympathy for your youth. But Sandy Koufax doesn't know what a thrill it is to be 18 and no one ever does until they look back. So he was polite and sensible and didn't attempt to gag it or dramatize it.

Maybe, if it works, Sandy will have an 18-year-old kid remember the first game he attended at Ebbets Field. It is the way a player's reputation lives, not in record books or histories or guides that tell you how to play the game.

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"Way back when Peter Reiser was playing," said Sandy, who was going to the University of Cincinnati when the Brooks hired him. "I think it was 1947, the Dodgers were playing the Phillies. Brooklyn was losing 10-0 but they won. Reiser hit a home run inside the park."

When Sandy was going to Lafayette High School, he played first base. That was the position he thought he was going to hold down, when invited to play with an amateur ball club called the Parkviews. "Instead the manager told me I was going to pitch. I pitched a three-hitter. I don't think I threw a curve all day."

So Sandy Koufax became a pitcher.

"Before that I'd go out and throw once in a while," Sandy said. "Once in a while I'd hit in college if they needed a pinch hitter. I don't think I got a hit in high school playing first base. My average is somewhere in the .200's. I was captain of the baseball team at Lafayette. I played baseball because I had nothing to do. My friends played baseball and I took it up to be with them."

They heard about him in Brooklyn but last season at college the scouts followed him around and a lot of them made proposals.

"I talked to all of them," Sandy Koufax said.

"Why did you choose Brooklyn?"

"Well," he said, "I don't know. I guess I liked the way they treated me. I figured it's home, anyway."

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Pitching in the Coney Island league last summer, young Koufax was told that Joe LaBate, scout for the Phillies, was there to inspect him.

"It didn't bother me," Sandy said. "Yeah, I won. He asked me to come to a tryout in Long Island. I did. I pitched three innings but they didn't tell me anything."

"Did you look good?"

"I struck out nine men in the three innings."

"How have the neighbors acted since they heard about you signing?"

"I haven't been out much. I got some phone calls. Some make pretty stupid comments. You know like can they borrow a couple of thousand or something. The people you want for your friends don't say stupid things. The real friends are nice."

"How do you feel?"

"I don't know. I can't get too excited. I haven't done anything yet. Maybe, in a couple of years, I'll make it."

Next summer, perhaps the guys he regards with awe will be hitting at his stuff. Does he think about that?

"I've never thought about it. I never thought about it being that close. Maybe, I'd better. I saw Musial in an elevator in Pittsburgh once."

Race Results, Overnight Entries

Santa Anita

First Race—		Time, 1:44
Artie Shremaker	\$7.40	10.10
Your Deal (Westergaard)	17.70	8.70
Montgomery (Coughlin)	10.20	10.20
Time, 1:48		
Alma Solid Piano	8.60	8.60
Two Perfect Short Sids, Reconstruction		
Ideale, Nic Levers, King's Pass, Dancer		
King Karin		
Second Race—		
Jolly Sister	\$13.80	10.50
Shremaker	8.60	3.80
Stargazer (Londren)	1.50	
Alma Marvin, Babe Haven, Lady Kar		
Diva, Admirals, Belle, Frank's Lark		
Exact Lady, Carrot Queen, Miss Blue		
Third Race—		
Arte Neuman	\$3.35	12.60
Miss Glen-Gill (Haldor)	12.20	5.80
Blue Dancer (Shremaker)	1.50	
Time, 1:24 1/2		
Alma Keene Black, Martonette, Fleet		
Two Perfect, Mrs. Agent, Redwater, Off		
Gert, Style Star		
Fourth Race—		
Fifth Section	\$3.35	12.60
Big Success (Powell)	31.60	8.40
Paula's Tex (Forano)	4.80	
Time, 1:42 1/2		
Also: Aspendale, Membrillo, Timely Story, Gipsy Hover, Crucial, Quick		
Fifth Race—		
Kingman Court	\$48.70	10.50
Blue Dancer (Cont.)	14.40	8.40
Glossando (Glossando)	14.60	
Time, 1:42 1/2		
Also: Transpo, Blue Shucker, Free Country, Kings Haste, Cunnamaqua		
Sixth Race—		
Beau Bushen (Bushen)	\$12.50	8.60
Tanquah (Tanquah)	6.60	4.50
Exact Lady (Arcaro)	1.50	
Time, 1:30		
Also: Malcolm G. Jaja, Toscan, June's Boy, Tomboy, Mrs. G. Jaja, Colonial Mack, Pasture, Better Not Bet.		
Seventh Race—		
Miss Columbia (Kewes)	\$3.80	12.70
Aubrey Lynn (Nelson)	4.00	3.50
Mrs. Choice (Bisland)	8.10	
Time, 1:42 1/2		
Also: Butcher, Royal Grace, Blue Dog, First Baby, First Khal, Crystal Blue, Eighth Race—		
Snow Princess (Tanguah)	\$12.20	8.60
Truck (Adams)	6.20	3.10
All's Well (Shremaker)	3.10	

Fair Grounds

First Race—

Angela (Winkler)

Mail From Home

(Ferrellian)

Red Devil (Shremaker)

Time, 1:44 1/2

Also: You Learn, Moore,

Jamal, Claire Dauber, Tid-Paul

Memph, Old Frank, Ole White

Second Race—

Angela (Winkler)

Mail From Home

(Ferrellian)

Red Devil (Shremaker)

Time, 1:44 1/2

Also: You Learn, Moore,

Jamal, Claire Dauber, Tid-Paul

Memph, Old Frank, Ole White

Third Race—

Angela (Winkler)

Mail From Home

(Ferrellian)

Red Devil (Shremaker)

Time, 1:44 1/2

Also: You Learn, Moore,

Jamal, Claire Dauber, Tid-Paul

Memph, Old Frank, Ole White

Fourth Race—

Angela (Winkler)

Mail From Home

(Ferrellian)

Red Devil (Shremaker)

Time, 1:44 1/2

Also: You Learn, Moore,

Jamal, Claire Dauber, Tid-Paul

Memph, Old Frank, Ole White

Fifth Race—

Angela (Winkler)

Mail From Home

(Ferrellian)

Red Devil (Shremaker)

Time, 1:44 1/2

Also: You Learn, Moore,

Jamal, Claire Dauber, Tid-Paul

Memph, Old Frank, Ole White

Sixth Race—

Angela (Winkler)

Mail From Home

(Ferrellian)

Red Devil (Shremaker)

Time, 1:44 1/2

Also: You Learn, Moore,

Jamal, Claire Dauber, Tid-Paul

Memph, Old Frank, Ole White

Seventh Race—

Angela (Winkler)

Mail From Home

(Ferrellian)

Red Devil (Shremaker)

Time, 1:44 1/2

Also: You Learn, Moore,

Jamal, Claire Dauber, Tid-Paul

Memph, Old Frank, Ole White

Eighth Race—

Angela (Winkler)

Mail From Home

(Ferrellian)

Red Devil (Shremaker)

Time, 1:44 1/2

Also: You Learn, Moore,

Jamal, Claire Dauber, Tid-Paul

Memph, Old Frank, Ole White

Ninth Race—

Angela (Winkler)

Mail From Home

(Ferrellian)

Red Devil (Shremaker)

Time, 1:44 1/2

Also: You Learn, Moore,

Jamal, Claire Dauber, Tid-Paul

Memph, Old Frank, Ole White

Tenth Race—

Angela (Winkler)

Mail From Home

(Ferrellian)

Red Devil (Shremaker)

Time, 1:44 1/2

Also: You Learn, Moore,

Jamal, Claire Dauber, Tid-Paul

Memph, Old Frank, Ole White

Eleventh Race—

Angela (Winkler)

Mail From Home

(Ferrellian)

Red Devil (Shremaker)

Expanding Twin Cities Press Ahead With Homebuilding Throughout 1954

PORT ALBERNI—Activity in home building in the Twin Cities was the highlight of 1954, with both cities opening new subdivisions to fill the demand for homesites.

Building permits totaling \$597,400 in Port Alberni and \$533,398 in Alberni reflected the interest in home construction. Only a small proportion of the permits were issued for industrial and commercial buildings.

Major contracts awarded in the district during the year were for Sproat Falls Bridge and the fishways at Stamp Falls.

The bridge was completed in July for the department of public works. The \$105,000 fishways project is due to be completed early in 1955.

There were more workers in

Land and air rescue crews brought out survivors of an expedition on Mount Septimus where Ralph Rousseau lost his life in a snow slide. A protracted flood destroyed Arden Logging Camp building.

BEST NEWS

Probably regarded as the best news story of the year by local

residents was the announcement that the long-discussed road to Tofino would be completed by 1956. There have been no further reports since the announcement was made in September.

Figures supplied by Port Alberni Fire Chief William Venables showed the fire loss in the city was between \$35,000 and \$40,000, compared with \$18,000 in 1953.

November's news also featured a tragedy at Franklin River camp when two trainmen lost their lives as a logging locomotive plunged into the swollen waters.

Some \$300,000 worth of property was involved in 87 fire calls. Most serious fire was on November 9 when Port Alberni building and stock was seriously damaged.

ALPINE MISHAPS

The Alberni made front page news across the country with three mountain accidents during the year.

This accident occurred only a few days after a young logger was swept to death when a

log rolled over him.

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Around the Island

Lumber Exports Show Increase At Port Alberni

PORT ALBERNI—Lumber shipments from Port Alberni during December were slightly above the monthly average for the year.

Fifteen ships sailed during the month carrying a total of 14,065,330 board feet of lumber, 4,263 tons of wood pulp, 94 tons of plywood, and 321 tons of shingles.

The United Kingdom market took the major portion of lumber shipments with 8,794,000 board feet shipped on freighters Agia Thalassini, Sunrill, Billenby, Merchant Duke, Sun Jarry, Lo-Chie, Capira, and the Sun Valley.

Of the pulp shipments, 1,264 tons were destined for the United Kingdom which also took 840 tons of shingles.

The U.S. market took 4,204,660 board feet of lumber, 135 tons of pulp as well as shingle shipments from local mills.

NANAIMO—Directors and committee members of Nanaimo and District Credit Union enjoyed a gay holiday

Noted Nanaimo Man Dies

NANAIMO—Victor Charles Mansfield, 66, former president of the Brechin Ratepayers' Association, died at his home on Sunderland

Mr. Mansfield was born in Victoria but moved to Vancouver at an early age. He was employed with the Vancouver Auto Towing Company but ill health forced his retirement in 1946 when he moved to Nanaimo.

He was active in community affairs and lived to see two of his hopes fulfilled—the amalgamation of Brechin with the City of Nanaimo and the start on a park and playground in the Brechin area.

He was a veteran of the First World War, serving overseas from 1914 to 1918. He was also a member of the Foresters' Lodge.

Mr. Mansfield is survived by his wife Constance, son Ray and a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Heathcote, all of Nanaimo.

Funeral services will take place Monday afternoon from Westwood Chapel with Arch-

Holiday Mail Sets Record

PARKSVILLE—The largest Christmas mail on record when through Parksville post office this year, reported yesterday.

Although no actual figures were available it is estimated there was an increase of some 20,000 Christmas cards handled over the 1953 figure.

Parcels also hit a new high in quantity but despite the heavy load all mail was dispatched without a hitch during the season.

Only three items out of the many thousands handled will have to be sent to the dead letter office as undeliverable, said Mr. Parsley. As far as he knew, no parcels had gone astray.

Working with Mr. Parsley on the regular staff were John Lee, Mrs. Lillian Spooner, and Miss M. B. Fenwick, rural mail carrier. Additional staff for Christmas included Frank Sheldrake,

Found on Stewart Island

Body on U.S. Gulf Islands May Have Drifted from B.C.

VANCOUVER, B.C. (UPI)—A man was estimated at between 55 and 60. He weighed between 160 and 170 pounds.

To Attend Camp

CWAC members of militia units here will attend a summer camp to be held at Vernon August 22 to September 1.

Courses conducted at the camp will include recruit training, refresher training, and an NCOs' course.

Good Intentions Pave Path to Jail

NANAIMO—Celebrating New Year's a little early and in the wrong place proved costly for Chester Newton.

On Wednesday night he wandered into the RCMP office to wish everybody the compliments of the season. The RCMP tried to persuade Newton to go home but he preferred to stay. So the police obliged by giving him overnight lodgings.

Yesterday morning he appeared in police court and was fined \$5 with a 30-day suspended sentence.

West Coast Project

Tahsis Firm Gets License Approval

Final approval for a forest management license on an extensive West Coast of Vancouver Island tract was given Tahsis Company Ltd. by the provincial government yesterday.

It is the first to be approved since Chief Justice Gordon McG. Sloan was appointed a Royal Commission to survey the B.C. forest industry. This is the 19th such license to be signed.

It is one of 43 applications Premier Bennett said would be processed during the commission inquiry. The remaining 37 will be delayed pending the chief justice's findings and recommendations.

The Tahsis license covers a 192,170-acre area near Tahsis Inlet on the West Coast of the Island.

The company plans extensive new operations in the area around Nootka Sound.

The appointment of Chief Justice Sloan was greeted favorably by independent loggers in B.C. who have fought the forest management license system.

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Rotarians Play Host to Little Leaguers



Victoria Rotary Club welcomed members of its own Little League baseball team at luncheon yesterday. Clockwise left to right: Dick Munn, David Rivers, Dennis Todd, Glen Crawford, Eric Newell, Stanley Limeri, K. Vincent Privet, Jack Impy, Dennis Harvey, Phil Pearce, Robert Martin, David Rees, Dale McEldooe, John Harrison, James McMillan.

From 10 Cents to \$15, Plus

New Year's Greetings Priced for Any Budget

Price of seeing the new year in tonight will vary. Victorians will welcome 1955 in some ways with a minimum of \$10 from the cost of an extra cup of coffee to \$15 for two tickets, plus corsage, taxis, babysitters, extra refreshments, bacon-and-egg breakfast and hangover remedy.

And in some cases, perhaps plus \$250 for impaired driving.

Biggest party will be at the

Nevertheless, thousands of Victorians will welcome 1955 in clubs and night spots, bars, dance halls, motion picture theatres and homes. Tickets sold for \$10 a couple.

About 2,000 Victorians will greet the new year in the city's major dance-and-dine establishments at a cost of around \$12.50 for tickets alone.

Biggest party will be at the

Wins Command



CMDR. G. H. DAVIDSON

coach: Dave Glancy, manager: Ray Peters, Eric Newell, Stanley Limeri, K. Vincent Privet, Jack Impy, Dennis Todd, Glen Crawford. Absent when picture was taken was Gordon Osborn. (See story on page 10.)

Four Fined in Opening Move Of Trades-License Crackdown

Saanich municipality has started a drive for revenues from trades licenses, with prosecutions in prospect for at least 200 delinquents.

Yesterday the municipality struck its first blow against persons operating without trades licenses as required by by-law when four paid fines totaling \$8250 in Saanich court before Magistrate Henry Hall.

But license inspector Roy H. Wootton warned that many more who are delinquent must pay their fees before January 15 or face prosecution.

MAY NEED LICENSE

Moreover, he said, the little roadside trader, who sells his

own fruit and produce, may eventually be required to take out a license. At the present time he can sell his own produce at a roadside stand without fee.

Fined yesterday were James McPherson, a painter; Katura Singh, who has lumber from unlisted joints and Alfred J. Wescott, a tanner. They each paid \$250 fines. S. C. Dacev, a plasterer, was fined \$750 and costs of \$300. All pleaded guilty.

Municipal officials later said \$25 is the minimum fine under the trades license by-law.

STRICTER ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Wootton said the main object is to enforce its by-laws more rigidly. The decision will affect traveling salesmen, porters, telephonists, all lessees, in fact, all persons doing business within the municipality.

A recent amendment to the by-laws set penalties ranging from a trade-in-a-place license of \$100 a year and the tempo of expansion is expected to continue into 1955.

The 1954 Greater Victoria population is given by government officials as some 125,000, compared to 118,000 in 1953 and 112,000 in 1952. The totals include Victoria city, Saanich, Esquimalt, View Royal, Colwood, Langford and Central Saanich.

SAANICH LEADS

Saanich is the fastest growing section of the metropolitan area.

Reeve Joseph Casey estimates the Saanich population has increased to at least 32,000 from 30,000 last year.

Victoria population is believed to have increased by 10,000 in the past year to a total of some 250,000. But civic officials do not attempt to keep accurate track of known figures.

Reeve A. G. Wurtele cites two main reasons for the steady increase.

More and more people work at Yarrow's Ltd. and its members' families will be holding New Year's Eve parties. In addition, several large new houses will be occupied and its entertainment are planned to sustain visitors throughout the year. Two theatres will have midnight shows with A-list stars in attendance.

Pearl Harbor.

Mr. Jukes planned the by-laws and was the by-laws and by-laws committee chair from 1952 to 1954. He died in Esquimalt on December 15, 1954.

Mr. Jukes' son, Harry, 21, of Saanich, is a brother of Mr. A. H. Jukes of Saanich.

Mr. Jukes was the oldest surviving member of the Vancouver Stock Exchange post-cessation of the BC Conservative Association and one of the most active figures in B.C. mining for over 30 years.

BORN IN BRANDON

Mr. Jones, who was born in Brandon, Man., took an active part in financing a number of successful gold mines in the Kluane Basin and Sheep Creek regions of B.C. during the 1930s and was president of the Brandon Gold Mine Ltd.

He was also president of the Vancouver Stock Exchange post-cessation of the mining bureau of the Vancouver Board of Trade and of the B.C. Chamber of Mines.

He was a member of the Vancouver Board of Trade, the Canadian Club, and the group of prominent citizens who met at its west entrance to the Round Table.

TENNIS PLAYER

In 1954 Mr. Jones was an ardent tennis player and one of the best players on the team. He was a member of the Vancouver Stock Exchange post-cessation of the BC Conservative Association and one of the most active figures in B.C. mining for over 30 years.

TRIBUTE PAID

John McGarry, president of the Vancouver Stock Exchange, said: "I have played an important part in the development of the financial industry of Vancouver, including the Vancouver Stock Exchange and the mining industry, that may be said he was one of British Columbia's most valuable citizens."

He died in his 80th year, leaving a widow, Mrs. Edith Jackson, and a son, Captain G. A. V. Thomson, commanding officer of HMCS Malahat.

DISPATCHES

After the war he returned to the reserve navy and in 1952 became commanding officer of Malahat.

OTHERS ON LIST

Two other commanders became captains in the promotions list. They are Patrick J. X. Russell of Vancouver and Anthony E. Pickard, a native of Victoria, now commander of HMCS Avalon naval establishment at St. John's and naval commander for Newfoundland.

Other promotions are:

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Beauty and You

By MARION MATTHEWS

Perhaps Santa Claus was and your make-up. It is the good to you and brought some good fragrance along with his spirit at this time. It should be part of the Christmas. This is not the case, however, and once you have developed the habit of using a fragrant dusting powder, that you may save it for essential oils you won't feel you're missing out.

Perfume is costly, not until you've added the final touch to your perfume. Some of the fragrances may escape the essences which are lighter and when this occurs than perfume, but heavier than changes are its balance. Cologne are excellent final changes so that you may touches too.

Perfume adds the final note to the stowaway having rules against this

Modern Etiquette

BY ROBERTA LEE

Q. Is it necessary for the bride's family to send a wedding invitation to the bride groom's parents?

A. Most certainly. And separate invitations should be sent to each brother and sister of the bride and groom, as well as to the parents of the bride.

Q. If tea is served and a guest does not care for it, would it be all right for this guest to ask for a cup of coffee?

A. Not unless the hostess asks if the guest prefers coffee. Otherwise drink the tea or part of it and express no preference.

Q. What is the correct amount of tip to a straw stewardess?

A. Please do not offer any tip

so that you annoy others. Even

harmful too.

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Holiday Hostess



TV Personality



Household Scrapbook

BY ROBERTA LEE

Tender Fowl
After a cold has cleared, rub the inside and outside thoroughly with a lemon before putting in the dressing. This makes the meat white, juicy and tender. Adding a teaspoonful of lemon juice or a table-

spoonful of water when boiling also helps to make it tender.

Root Spots

Soot can be removed from a carpet or rug by covering it with dry salt, and working this around until it becomes solid.

Then sweep up the salt.

Bitter Medicine

Pour a spoonful of sweet cream into the medicine and it will be taken readily by even the screen than any of her com-

temporaries," the paper said will be taken readily by even

The She is appearing as "Peter Pan" in the traditional "Peter Pan" pantomime in London.

one, too, will rid the mouth of days with their son and daughter Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor and their two children who have been residing at 394 1/2 and 396 1/2 Broad St. will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Foster of Fresno Calif. have been spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Foster's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. B. W. Hicks Peatt Road, Langford.

SPECIAL MEETING

Rev. D. R. Lakes spoke at

the Christmas meeting of

Espanola United Church WMS

at the home of Mrs. A. H.

Stock. Mrs. T. Dixon was solo-

ist. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lake

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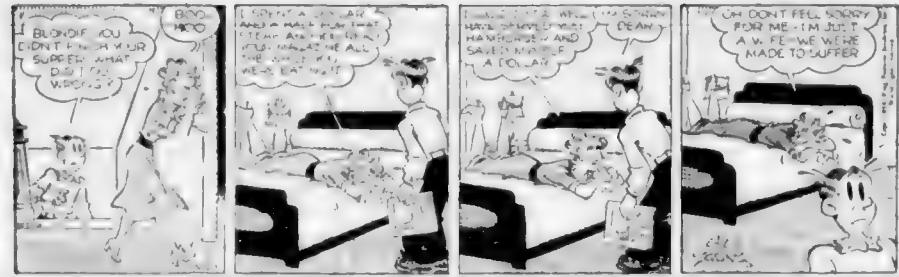
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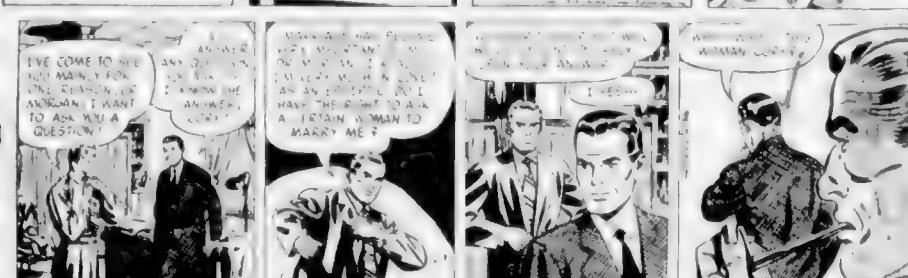
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They prefer enough charges
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Facing an opening bid, how best should the player answer with each of the following hands?

(A)	0D
♦ A 8 4	♦ 8 6
♣ A 6 4	♣ 8 6 4
♦ K 7 5 3	♦ K 7 5 3
♣ K 7 5 3	♣ K 7 5 3

(B)	1P
♦ A 6 4	♦ Q 10 8 6
♣ A 6 4	♣ 8 6 4
♦ A J 3	♦ A J 3
♣ 7 5 3 2	♣ 7 5 3

(C)	0P
♦ A J 2	♦ Q 10 5 4
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ANSWERS TO BRIDGE QUIZ

Contract Bridge Quiz
Answers to the quiz in the
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Blizzard Drizzles Out

CHICAGO (AP)—A storm that snowed under the midsection of the United States for 48 hours petered out Thursday as it moved eastward and turned into freezing drizzle and cold fog. It left 23 dead.

Singer Sues Airline

NEW YORK (AP)—Negro singer Ella Fitzgerald and three of her staff members Thursday sued Pan American World Airways, Inc., for \$270,000 damages on charges of racial discrimination. They claimed that on a flight from San Francisco to Sydney, Australia, they were stranded in Honolulu for three days because of "unjust discrimination" and "unreasonable prejudice."

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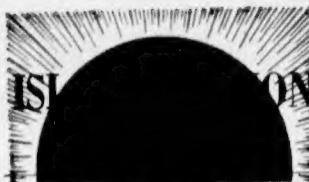
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The decision combines with approval votes already given to complete the National Assembly's approval of the Paris agreements. Along with it goes final approval of the pact, between France and West Germany to "Europeanize" the rich industrial Saar pocket state.

BIGGEST VICTORY

For energetic Premier Pierre Mendes-France, who pushed the decision through despite opposition from Communists, it was his biggest victory since he took office six months ago. Defeat would have meant his downfall since he had made his vote a matter of confidence.



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The government is understood to be proposing some changes in the current complicated regulations to make it easier to qualify for these benefits. The period for which they are paid also may be lengthened.

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But it is understood, the Ottawa dispatch said, that the government does not contemplate extending coverage to groups not now insured. This would still leave out civil servants, farm help, hospital employees and some classes of loggers and fishermen.

These changes will be incorporated in a so-called "little bill," which the government hopes to see passed as soon as possible in the session opening January 7.

LATER IN THE SESSION, Ottawa informants said, the government will introduce a voluminous measure streamlining the Unemployment Insurance Act and discarding the system of insurance books and stamps now kept for 3,200,000 workers.

The changes are "along the lines we have been requesting for many years," said Victor Midgley, vice-president of the Trade Union Congress of B.C.

LESSEN HARDSHIP

"These measures will help to reduce a lot of hardship," he said. "They represent not an improvement, although not a solution to unemployment."

"The news is very encouraging."

Ed Haw, secretary of the Victoria Labor Council (CCL), called an increase in supplementary benefits a "long needed step in the right direction."

But he added, "As long as all workers are not covered, we are going to have people in need."

He felt that the change would benefit shipyard unions most in this area.

BIG HELP

James McConachy, business manager of Local 191 of International Boilermakers (AFL-CIO) said "it will be a big help to us."

"In the last two or three months, it hasn't been too good. We have had quite a few unemployed," he said.

Exclusion of new groups from the scheme was protested by Elgin Neish, president of the Victoria local of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union (Independent).

"If fishermen have had a bad season, the only way they can get help is to declare themselves destitute and go on city welfare," he said.

Mr. Neish said that the heavy fish runs last only a few months of the year and said fishermen would continue their long campaign for benefits "until the public realizes our plight."

VERY IMPORTANT

An increase in the supplementary benefits would be "very important," Percy Rayment, secretary of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council said.

Corbett said in an accompanying statement that the military, for the two years ending next June 30, had found 212,800 uniformed and civilian positions "unnecessary to the accomplishment of their primary defense objectives," with a resulting saving of some \$300,000,000 a year.

The figures used by Corbett were not in the defense department's report as published by the sub-committee. The survey did not deal with the Pentagon's announced future manpower cuts or its proposed new draft reserve program.

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Another Triumph



PREMIER PIERRE MENDES-FRANCE

Arms Plan Approved By France

Historic Decision Made by 27 Votes

PARIS (Reuters)—France Thursday made a historic decision to rearm West Germany within the framework of the Western defense system.

By a margin of 27 votes, 287 to 260, the National Assembly gave final approval to the creation of a West German army of 500,000 men and West German entry into the Western European Union. Seventy deputies abstained.

The decision combines with approval votes already given to complete the National Assembly's approval of the Paris agreements. Along with it goes approval of the pact between France and West Germany to "Europeanize" the rich industrial Saar pocket state.

NO DELAYING TACTICS

The Speaker announced there would be no further talk or delaying tactics such as enabled anti-rearmament groups to stymie the vote for 24 hours Wednesday on a procedural point.

When the voting was completed, newspaper men, diplomats and spectators paced the halls for 45 minutes while the ballots—white slips of paper for, and blue ones against—were counted.

Then the assembly's one-armed chairman, Andre Le Troquer, announced the decision to the legislators ringed in a hushed semi-circle around the ornate assembly hall.

As the deputies rose to leave, the shrill voice of a woman Communist legislator rang out: "You'll die for this."

Other Communist members shouted "treason," "assassin," "German rearmament" and "Nazis" as ushers formed a wall between them and the other assembly members.

BIGGEST VICTORY

For energetic Premier Pierre Mendes-France, who pushed the decision through as he had promised before the first of the year, it was his biggest victory ending his biggest battle since he took office six months ago. Defeat would have meant his downfall since he had made the vote a matter of confidence.

Mendes-France relaxed when the count was announced, but there were dark circles under his eyes marking the strain of the 11 days of debate that preceded the decision it had taken France four years to make—the decision to put guns again into the hands of the nation whose invading troops three times in the last 20 years violated the French frontier.

During the 11 days, deputies of all non-Communist parties went through agonizing personal crises trying to determine which way their patriotic duty lay.

War Danger Seen in Move

LONDON (UP)—Moscow radio said Thursday night that French approval of German rearmament aggravates "the danger of a new war."

Both in Popularity, Achievement

Mendes-France, Man of Destiny Soars to Great, New Heights

PARIS — Premier Pierre Mendes-France's fight for German rearmament capped a series of spectacular successes which began last summer with his promise to stop the fighting in Indo-China within a month.

He barely waited to hear the result before taking off for another trouble spot, Tunisia. There he called Nationalist leaders into conference, and won agreement on principles of home rule for the protectorate.

Then he turned to the ill-fated European Defense Community. He tried in vain to have the setup changed so he could sell it to the assembly. Refusing to stake his government on the vote, he stood by as the assembly killed it, 319 to 264.

Although he was gaining political enemies by now, he lined up with the United States and Britain to work out plans for the Western European Union. That made the powerful Communist bloc in the assembly turn solidly and finally against him.

Even if he had failed to win Thursday's final National Assembly vote on German rearmament, this swarthy little man would have been hailed throughout France as the "man of the year."

Despite his popularity at home and

abroad, Mendes-France is still precariously perched on the French political teeter-totter. In Thursday's victory, he won only breathing space for new epic struggles with the political foes who have dogged his path for the last seven months.

Observers in Paris believe he will be able to hold his government together at least until the end of January.

But he has foiled the experts before.

Controversial, forceful—often blunt to the point of rudeness—Mendes-France has earned himself almost as many bitter enemies as fervent admirers.

His appearances in the French provinces have brought waves of public enthusiasm which veteran French observers have rarely encountered.

Some of the premier's opponents are jealous of his success, and they show spite and envy.

He shuns public functions and Paris society life wherever possible. He has no gift for small talk—he believes a man should speak only when there is something important to say.

Mothers Praying For Missing Sons

VANCOUVER (CP)—Three grief-stricken mothers hoped and prayed in their homes here Thursday that what is feared to be a four-fold tragedy will turn out to be a teen-age adventure.

Four boys, two of them brothers, vanished on a camping trip up the Indian Arm, 18 miles northeast of here. Their wrecked outboard motorboat was found washed up on a beach at the upper reaches of Vancouver harbor.

Eight search boats plied through a pelting rain along the shore of the placid inlet during the day, but failed to turn up any positive clues to their fate.

Hopes faded fast that they would be found alive.

Missing are:

Don, 17, and Ian McLeod, 16, Wally Wittner, 17, and Joe Toth, 17, all of Vancouver.

They started on the camping and fishing trip Sunday. All had made the trip many times before and are familiar with the terrain.

Stokely was in critical condition after nearly 150 stitches were required to close his wounds.

Doctors reported Roger's arm muscles were torn badly and that on his left leg both muscle

and tendon were severed.

Hospital officials said Roger and skin were "just gone."

United States, in fourth place. Others listed included:

Mme. Louis Arpels, wife of the French jeweler, fifth; Mrs. Al-

fred Gwynne Vanderbilt, social

retiring French ambassador to sixth; Clare Booth Luce, U.S.

ambassador to Italy, seventh; Mme. Arturo Lopez-Willshaw, Paris socialite, eighth; Mrs. William Randolph Hearst, Jr., wife of the newspaper publisher, and Mrs. Harold E. Talbot, wife of the air force secretary, tied for ninth, and ac-

cess Grace Kelly and Queen Frederica of Greece tied for tenth.

Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower, who

was on the list two years ago, when her husband entered the White House, was an also ran this year.

Princess Margaret of Britain was third.

The annual list of best-dressed women is issued by the New York Dress Institute's couture group, an organization of high-profile designers and dress makers who outfit some of the women named. Ballots were sent to 1,500 fashion designers.

MRS. WILLIAM S. PALEY

DUCHESS OF WINDSOR

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CLARE BOOTH LUCE

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